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Sensenbrenner Hails Unanimous Senate Passage of Voting Rights Act Extension

Measure Now Goes to President for His Signature

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.) today hailed the Senate's unanimous passage of legislation extending the Voting Rights Act for 25 more years. Because the Senate did not make any changes to the House-passed legislation, H.R. 9, it will now be sent to President Bush for his signature.

Chairman Sensenbrenner introduced this bipartisan legislation, H.R. 9, the "Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006," which was cosponsored by House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), House Judiciary Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.), House Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee Chairman Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Mel Watt (D-N.C.), and 147 other House Members.

Chairman Sensenbrenner said, "This landmark legislation embodies a bipartisan, bicameral commitment to ensuring no American is denied his or her right to vote because of skin color. While our great Nation has made significant strides in eliminating discrimination and barriers to voting for many minorities, we still have work to do. Extending the Voting Rights Act for 25 more years will continue this progress towards eradicating racial barriers to voting."

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